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## OFF-SHORE FARES STILL SCARCE.

Only one arrival from off shore has been reported here since yesterday, sch. Corsair arriving from a Georges handling trip with 20,000 pounds of salt cod and 2000 pounds of halibut.

Yesterday sch. Mary E. Silveria brought down a part of her fresh fare, consisting of about 24,000 pounds which was sold here.

The total catch of the gill netting fleet yesterday was about 70 boxes or 35,000 pounds. On account of the storm of the morning, but eight of the boats were out, steamer Naomi Bruce being high line with 8000 pounds.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Corsair, Georges handling, 20,000 lbs. salt cod, 2000 lbs. halibut.  
Sch. Mary E. Silveria, via Boston, 24,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Quoddy, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Margaret D., gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer F. S. Willard, gill netting, 5800 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Nomad, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Enterprise, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Bethulia, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Venture, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Actor, shore.

Sch. Emily Sears, via Boston.

Sch. Romance, via Boston.

Sch. Genesta, returned.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Esperanto, haddocking.

Sch. Actor, haddocking.

Sch. Edith Silveria, haddocking.

Sch. Gossip, salt trawl banking.

Sch. Saladin, south seining.

Sch. Paragon, halibuting.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$5 per cwt., medium, \$4.50, snappers, \$3.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75, mediums, \$4.25.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Cusk, large, \$2.50, medium, \$2, snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

#### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, 80c per cwt.

Peak cod, large, \$1.85; medium, \$1.70; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.10; mediums, \$1.75, snappers 75c.

All codfish not gilled, 10 cts. per 100 pounds less than the above.

Cusk, large, \$1.50, medium, \$1.20, snappers, 60 cts.

Bank halibut, 15c per lb., for white and 11 1-4c for gray.

#### Bait Prices.

Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.

Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt.

Shore frozen herring, \$2 to \$3 per bbl.

Frozen squid, \$2.75 per cwt.

### To Bring Around New Vessel.

Tug Mariner went to Essex this morning to tow around a new craft, launched at Story's yard for Provincetown parties, which will be fitted here.

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#### Seal Catch Small.

The total catch of seals this season by the Newfoundland fleet is unlikely to reach two-thirds the normal, according to reports from vessels of that fleet that started out three weeks ago. Of the five steamers that have returned only one has a full catch.

#### Caught Seal on Trawl

Late Thursday the little sloop Laura Enos brought in at T wharf a strange specimen of fish kind, in the form of an infant seal that was caught on the trawl lines. Just what kind of a seal it was nobody around the dock could say.

#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Washakie was at Lockport, N. S., recently for shelter.

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## INTERESTED IN THE HOSPITAL SHIP.

Secretary Andrew

Writes Capt. Gardner

His Views on Subject.

A. Piatt Andrew, Jr., who arrived Friday from Washington to spend a few days at his home at Eastern Point, is taking much interest in the proposed hospital ship to accompany the American fishing fleet to the banks, for which Congressman Gardner has already introduced a bill in Congress, and has taken up the matter with the congressmen, in which he submits a plan, which he believes can be made practical.

Secretary Andrew feels that it is possible that one of the old gunboats might be transferred from the navy and suggests that the Vicksburg would make an ideal craft for combined cutter and hospital duties. During the recent visit of the anti-beam trawl committee delegates to Washington, Secretary Andrew offered this suggestion and in a communication to Congressman Gardner outlines the scheme, and offers his co-operation in any way that Congressman Gardner might desire.

Mr. Andrew in discussing the matter with Capt. Charles H. Harty and others was further impressed with the idea of a joint revenue cutter and hospital ship, after it had been pointed out that such a craft would be of much value in rendering immediate aid to skippers and fishermen, especially where delay now results, before port can be reached and medical assistance obtained. A number of specific instances were outlined during years past, where the presence of a hospital ship, such as has been suggested might have been the means of saving life.

Following is a copy of the communication sent by Secretary Andrew to Congressman Gardner, outlining the scheme:

#### Mr. Andrew's Letter.

March 26, 1912.

Dear Mr. Gardner—I have been looking up the suggestion of a government hospital ship to accompany the fishing fleet, and, after consultation with Surgeon-General Blue of the Marine hospital service and Captain Commandant Berthoff of the Revenue Cutter service, venture to submit the following tentative considerations

which have resulted from our discussion of the subject:

As any vessel intended to render medical aid to the men of the fishing fleet would probably not be in constant use during the entire year for this distinctive duty, it is suggested that there may be some advantage in providing a revenue cutter especially equipped for this particular service so that when the vessel was not needed for hospital duty it could be employed for general patrol and rescue work and as a regular revenue cutter. It is a possibility that one of the older gunboats of the navy might be transferred by Congress to the treasury for such purpose. I am told that the Vicksburg, for instance, would make an ideal craft for combined revenue cutter and hospital duties, and in fact it appears that in the Sundry Civil Bill of May 27, 1908, Congress did authorize the transfer of this particular vessel from the Navy to the Revenue Cutter service, but despite the authorization the transfer was never made on account of opposition in the navy department.

It is not conceivable that this authorization of 1908 might be made effective today by gaining the consent of the president or the secretary of the navy? Then all that would be necessary would be an appropriation of about \$50,000, \$10,000 for re-equipping the vessel for hospital service and perhaps \$40,000 a year for maintenance and operation.

This would not seem a large expenditure, considering the varied uses to which the vessel could be put for hospital service, relief of distressed vessels, destroying of derelict, ordinary coast patrol, and of course for naval service in time of war. I am not sure, however, that this idea of a joint revenue cutter and hospital ship would meet the requirements and desires of the fishermen, but I should think that it would.

If this purely tentative suggestion conforms at all with your ideas, and I can be of any service in taking the matter up, either with the secretary of the treasury or the secretary of the navy, I shall be only too glad to co-operate with you in any way that you desire.

Sincerely yours,

A. PIATT ANDREW.

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## HAS GOOD TRIP FROM SPLITTERS.

### SCH. HARRIETT IN THIS MORNING WITH 110,000 POUNDS FRESH FISH.

Two off-shore arrivals are here this morning sch. Jubilee from a Georges handling trip bringing 30,000 pounds of salt cod and sch. Harriett, one of the haddock fleet 110,000 pounds of fresh fish.

The gill netters struck good fishing Saturday, some 80,000 pounds being brought in, while yesterday, with only a part of the fleet out, 45,000 pounds were landed.

#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Jubilee, Georges handling, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 5500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 11,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Nomad, gill netting, 10,500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Enterprise, gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Geisha, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Harriett Georges, 110,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Genesta, shore.

Sch. Adeline, shore.

#### Saturday's Gill Netting Arrivals.

Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 11,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Alice, gill netting, 2300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 6500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Eagle, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mindora, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 4100 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 8500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Venture, gill netting, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Geisha, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hope, gill netting, 3800 lbs. fresh fish.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Adeline, haddocking.

Sch. Fannie Prescott, haddocking.

Sch. Constellation, south seining.

Sch. Sylvia, south seining.

Sch. Tacoma, halibuting.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Trawl bank cod, large \$3.75, mediums, \$3.25.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$4.50 per cwt., medium, \$4, snappers, \$3.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4, mediums, \$3.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Cusk, large, \$2.50, medium, \$2, snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

#### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, 80c per cwt.

Peak cod, large, \$1.85; medium, \$1.65; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.10; mediums, \$1.75, snappers 75c.

All codfish not gilled, 10 cts. per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.

Cusk, large, \$1.50, medium, \$1.20, snappers, 60 cts.

Dressed pollock 80c.; round, 70c.

Bank halibut, 15c per lb., for white and 11 1-4c for gray.

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## SCH. VALERIE HAS BIG FARE.

SIX OTHER CRAFTS FROM OFF-SHORE AT T WHARF THIS MORNING.

Fourteen arrivals, seven from off shore and seven of the shore fleet are at T wharf, Boston, this morning, nearly all of the crafts bringing in good fares of fresh fish, although the opening trade was not very brisk.

Sch. Valerie, Capt. Wallace Bruce, arrived with a dandy fare, hauling for 107,000 pounds, 65,000 pounds being haddock 20,000 pounds cod 20,000-cusk and 2500 pounds of fresh halibut. The fares of the other off-shore fellows are schs. Thomas S. Gorton 47,000 pounds, Frances V. Sylvia, 64,000 pounds, James W. Parker, 86,000 pounds, Flavilla 38,000 pounds.

The steam trawlers Swell and Spray are also in the former with 81,000 weight and the latter, 46,000 pounds.

Haddock sold at \$2.50 to \$2.25 a hundred, large cod, \$5 to \$5.25; market cod, \$3 to \$3.50; hake, \$2 to \$5; pollock, \$3.50 to \$4 and cusk, \$2 to 2.50.

#### Boston Arrivals.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Sch. George H. Lube, 4000 haddock, 4000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 40,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 3500 halibut.

Str. Swell, 75,000 haddock 6000 cod.

Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, 50,000 haddock, 14,000 cod.

Sch. James W. Parker, 50,000 haddock, 36,000 cod.

Sch. Valerie, 65,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 20,000 cusk, 2500 halibut.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchings 20,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1500 cusk.

Sch. Tecumseh, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Albert W. Black, 13,000 haddock 800 cod, 800 hake.

Sch. Edith Silveria, 16,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 16,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. W. M. Goodspeed, 16,000 haddock, 2500 cod.

Sch. Flavilla 10,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 3000 hake.

Str. Spray, 42,000 haddock, 4200 cod.

Haddock \$1.50 to \$2.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$5.25; market cod, \$3 to \$3.50; hake, \$2 to \$5; pollock, \$3.50 to \$4; cusk, \$2 to 2.50.

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#### Caught Lobster on Trawl.

Sch. Albert W. Black, which arrived at T wharf, Boston, this morning, brought in a 12 pound lobster that was brought up on the trawls in 30 fathoms of water off the Isles of Shoals Saturday.

#### Capt. Welch Will Fit.

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin J. Welch, will now fit for south seining and will probably get away next week.

#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Helen B. Thomas and Virginia arrived at Liverpool last Thursday, and cleared for the fishing grounds.

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#### Three More Seiners Away.

Three more of the seining fleet got away for the south this morning, making the total sailings to date, six. They were schs. Constellation, Capt. Thaddeus Morgan; Sylvia, Capt. Lemuel Firth and Ralph Hall, Capt. Frank Hall.

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#### Off To Buy Mackerel.

Capt. Charles H. Harty and James E. Ryan left for Fortress Monroe, Va., today where they will remain during the stay of the seining fleet in southern waters. Capt. Harty goes in the interests of Wilson & Barry and Capt. Ryan for Caleb Haley & Co., of Fulton Market, New York.